

FROM FR. JOHN

Complainer's Kill The Party

“But with their patience worn out by the journey, the people (Israelites) complained against God and Moses”
Numbers 24:5

Complainers kill the party. The Lord uses Moses and works wonders to lead the Israelites out of horrendous conditions of slavery in Egypt. They have been set free from an oppressive regime and God wants to form them into a community full of love. God is leading them to freedom and a place where they can enjoy His steadfast kindness. And we see their response. Being tired from the journey, they end up complaining against God and Moses. They do not like the food or drink, or lack thereof, in the desert. They lose trust in God and start to focus on themselves instead of trying to respond to the great plan that God has for their lives. The self-focus on what they do not have instead of focusing on all that God has for them leads to their complaining. And complaining kills the party.

There can be such a tendency to focus on what we do not have instead of focusing on what we do have. Often we have a propensity to focus on what is wrong in any given situation and person instead of focusing on what is right. But the poor-me attitude leads to a poor experience of our God. And God is anything but poor! Yes, this world is violent, broken and at war but that does not mean that we cannot trust that God is very rich in the middle of it all. We need to glorify the wonders of God in our midst with our speech and lives. Complaining happens when we are focused on ourselves and lose sight of God. However, when we vigilantly seek to discover and magnify God’s work of salvation in our midst, we become people of praise.

Hewlett-Packert has a management philosophy of continuous improvement. The whole idea is to keep continually improving the way things are done in the company. Likewise as Christians, we should always seek to improve what we can and then leave the rest to God. We must seek to do what we can do to make things better and realize that complaining does no one good. But the heart of our lives should be to praise God for all the wonders of salvation He is working among us.

Jesus has created us for a party in which all in attendance will be perfectly celebrating His unconditional love. Complaining kills the party. Praising God for all His good works, however, leads us closer to the party. Let us move closer to the party by giving up the complaining and focusing on the praising.

Praise Him,
Fr. John



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 12, 2010

Communion Service

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

+Robert Waite

(Mary Fromwiller)

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

+Timothy Nugent

(VerNae Pat McCarthy)

Thursday, April 15, 2010

+ Gerri Stankey

(Jill and Vincent Bresch)

Friday, April 16, 2010

+Albert Brodsky

(Joe and Joann)

Saturday, April 17, 2010

+James Murphy

(Patty Murphy)

Sunday, April 18, 2010

8:00AM +Mr & Mrs Kiem Nguyen

(Their Family)

10:00AM People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 11, 2010

Faith Formation

1:00-4:00 Divine Mercy Presentation

Monday, April 12, 2010

7:00PM SNW Youth Conf. Mtg S.R.

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

10:00 AM Altar Guild S.R.

7:00 PM-KOC Meeting S.R.

7:00 PM-Choir Practice

Thursday, April 15, 2010

7:00 PM-Confirmation

(Archbishop Vlazny

7:00 PM-Bible Study Rm4

Saturday, April 17, 2010

10:00PM-12:00 Midnight -
Seminarian Dinner S.R.

Coffee and Donuts are served in the Social Room on Sunday morning after the Masses.

Back to Prayer Night:

Guest Speaker: Patti LaRue

Please mark your calendars for April 29th, 2010 at 7:00PM for an evening of prayer and community gathering. Join us and help us celebrate Jesus through prayer. We will begin in the church and then meet in the social room for refreshments and friendly conversation.

3rd Annual Real Catholic Men's

Conference: June 19th at St Joseph Parish, Vancouver, WA. Featured speakers include: Evangelists Richard Lane and Hector Molina, Jr.; as well as Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. The morning session includes Confession, and Mass concludes the day. A continental Breakfast and deli lunch are part of the ticket price. For more information or to register: log on to www.RealCatholicMen.com or call 503-640-3456

Benefit Dinner and Auction for Mt Angel Seminary-April 17:

Every year is the "Year of the Priest" for the Knights of Columbus as we continue our third annual Mt Angel Benefit Dinner and Auction. Last year we were able to raise over \$10,000 to benefit our future priests. This event takes place in our own social room on April 17. Purchase your tickets (\$40) after all the Masses or email lynnlawer@pcez.com or call (503) 201-5656.

Stuebenville NW 2010 July 28-Aug 1

All high school youth mark your calendars for the SNW Conference. Spend an exciting weekend seeking Jesus and the power of his Holy Spirit in your life.

Meeting for teens & parents: Mon. April 12th, 7pm in the Social Room. Contact Janet 503 761-8710

The Prayer Chain will meet Tuesday April 20th from 9-10 in the S.R. Anyone from the parish is invited to attend as we pray for those who have requested prayer support. We will continue our book Let in the Light-facing hard stuff with hope. Don't forget to bring your appreciation book also. If you are new to the parish please come we share books well. There will be refreshments following.

A bigger prayer chain is desired at St. Joseph. Rather than just asking Fr. John or a few friends when something is happening that is concerning you, let us see if we can get most of the church praying too. We will sign up at the end of Masses this weekend for your email. You will receive a list of people to pray for once a week. You may pray right then and delete it or you may print it and pray for them all week. It's up to you how you do it. We also will have a section for praises on how God has answered your prayers so that we can all rejoice and glorify God together for his works. Those without email, can sign up for our phone list. The email is: sjtw-gapline@hotmail.com and is on the front of the bulletin.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 13,174.50

Over/under: + \$ 6,142.50

Can/Bottle Recycling is scheduled this weekend, April 10-11.

Many, many thanks to all those who helped make the spaghetti dinner a success! We have so many wonderful parishioners who donned aprons to serve. We hope you had a great time, a great meal, and great fellowship. Again, special thanks to the servers, the Knights who made the dinner, the LOOP ladies who decorated for the dinner and coordinated the bar, the Youth Group who bussed the tables, the set up and cleanup crews and anyone who came and enjoyed the Saint Joseph the Worker community. We are blessed to be part of such a great parish.

Youth Group Schedule Jr High

Sun Apr 11, 9 AM mtg Rm 5

Sun Apr 18, 9 AM mtg, Rm 5

Sun Apr 25, 9 AM mtg, Rm 5

High School

Sun. Apr 11, 7 PM, Rm 5

Sun Apr 18, 7 PM, Rm 5

Sun Apr 25, 7 PM, Rm 5

Tickets Now Available

For the St Therese Women's Association Spring Fling 2010, Salad Luncheon and Fashion Show Tickets are again \$8 a person. This will be held Thursday, April 22 at 12 noon in our Parish Social Center. For information call Sharon @ (503) 253-0053

Altar Guild Meeting will be held in the S.R. at 10AM on Apr 13th. All ladies of the parish are cordially invited to attend. The agenda is: 1. Vote on new officers for next year. 2. Decide on 4 menu items to choose from for our annual Ladies Night Out. This will be held at Sayler's Old Country Kitchen in June with time forth coming. 3. Setting up our committees for set-up and serve of funeral lunches for a 4 month term. Come and be a voice and help make decisions.

Phone number correction in Church Directory:

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